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SSM FOR KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, UN

SUBJECT: VISITS BY CODELS AND DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE  
BUFFER ZONE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH GEN SIILASUVO HE HAS INDICATED CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WILL BE REQUESTS FOR VISITS BY CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE BUFFER ZONE TO VISIT THE SFM BOTH FROM ISRAEL AND EGYPT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ALSO THAT SOME OF THESE VISITS WOULD INCLUDE REQUESTS TO CROSS THE BUFFER ZONE FROM ONE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER.

2. REFERRING TO EGYPTIAN SENSITIVITY CONCERNING THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE SINAI, GENERAL SIILASUVO SAID THAT HE FELT THAT, INITIALLY AT LEAST, REQUEST FOR VISITS BY CODELS SHOULD BE CLEARED WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. I ASKED IF HE FELT THAT THIS WAS PREFERABLE TO VETTING THE ENTRY OF THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS, NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF U.S. NATIONALITY ALONE, TO THE BUFFER ZONE WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS. HIS REPLY WAS THAT HE STILL FELT THAT THE FIRST FEW OF SUCH VISITORS SHOULD BE CLEARED THROUGH UN NEW YORK.

3. GENERAL SIILASUVO THEN REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WOULD REQUEST PASSAGE FROM ONE SIDE

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OF THE BUFFER ZONE TO THE OTHER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE

CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN MINISTERS OF DEFENSE REQUESTED SUCH PASSAGE AND THAT HE HAD DENIED IT REQUIRING THEM TO RETURN TO THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH THEY ENTERED THE BUFFER ZONE. WHEN I ASKED HIM ABOUT A FINNISH COL. WHO HAD RECENTLY MADE SUCH A TRIP HE SAID THAT OFFICERS OF THE RANK OF COL. AND BELOW HAVE ON OCCASION VISITED THEIR NATIONAL CONTINGENTS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES AND THAT ON SUCH OCCASIONS HE HAS AUTHORIZED THEM TO BE ATTACHED TEMPORARILY TO THE UNIT VISITED AND "ONE OR TWO" HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO MAKE THE PASSAGE FROM ONE COUNTRY TO THE OTHER. HE DID NOT THINK THAT HE COULD EXTEND THIS TO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SUCH AS CONGRESSMEN AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE VISITING THE SFM BECAUSE OF INEVITABLE PRESS COVERAGE.

4. GEN SIILASUVO CONCLUDED BY ASKING FOR WASHINGTON'S REACTION.  
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